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Originally PEPFAR was authorized for \$15 billion (\$3 billion for five years). Presently, PEPFAR gets about \$6 billion a year. This new legislation being considered would increase this authorization to \$10 billion per year or \$50 billion over 5 years.

But the simple fact remains, it spends too much money.

Today, I submitted an amendment that will level fund the program at 3 billion per year.

The point here is that PEPFAR and numerous other government programs spend too much money. PEPFAR increases the overall foreign aid program by 15%, by itself. All in a year when the economy is teetering on recession.

We now have a deficit projected at over \$400 billion and increasing; and many people here in Washington are talking about raising taxes. With spending programs like this, we will never get to a balance if we keep increasing such programs by over 300%. Not to mention, programs like these are separate of our defense and domestic needs

If there was a time to pull in the reins on spending, it is now.